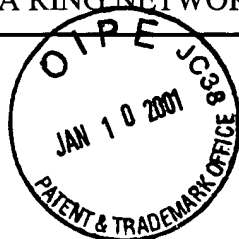


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Sir:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, *et seq.*, the materials listed on the attached Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified Application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to MPEP §609, Applicant further requests that the Examiner initial next to each reference on the Form 1449 to indicate that the listed references have been considered. Applicant further requests that a copy of the initialed Form 1449 be returned with the next official communication.

Further pursuant to MPEP §609, because all but the below identified references listed on the attached Form 1449 have been previously submitted and made of record in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 08/915,919, filed April 21, 1997, a copy of the references is not submitted herewith.

However, a copy of the following documents are enclosed herewith as they were not made of record in the parent application:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
5,327,431	07/05/94	Heske, III et al.	06/01/93
5,412,652	05/02/95	Lu	09/24/93
5,815,490	09/29/98	Lu	11/20/95
6,011,780	01/04/00	Vaman et al.	05/23/97
6,049,824	04/11/00	Simonin	11/21/97
6,154,462	11/28/00	Coden	08/21/97

Other Documents

Zitterbart et al., "A High Performance Transparent Bridge," IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, 2(4), 352-362 (August 1994).

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Dear Sirs:

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, *et seq.* and MPEP §2001.06(b), Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending and/or related applications:

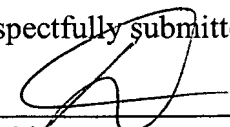
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100.095US01	09/137,669	8/21/98	TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK WITH VARIABLE ADDRESS LEARNING, SWITCHING AND ROUTING
100.101US01	09/138,232	8/21/98	TRANSPORT OF DIGITIZED SIGNALS OVER A RING NETWORK
100.102US01	09/137,722	8/21/98	CONTROL DATA OVER A RING NETWORK
100.103US01	09/137,721	8/21/98	INTERNET ACCESS OVER A RING NETWORK

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Account No. 501373.

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